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25X1 As of 18 July 1953 Canton was crowded with unemployed workers.¹ Unemployment certificates, which were limited in supply, were issued by the Chinese Communist authorities. Only the holders of these certificates were eligible for unemployment relief. Each certificate entitled the bearer to receive a monthly payment of JMP 60,000. An additional payment of JMP 30,000 was provided for each dependent up to a total of five dependents.

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25X1 Comment. the situation was serious in late May 1953, with the number of unemployed in Canton increasing daily.

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